

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate “UT/TSU Extension Month” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University are Tennessee’s land-grant universities, and have a three-part mission of teaching, research, and Extension; and

WHEREAS, Extension is the outreach arm of the universities and an integral part of the land-grant mission, extending the knowledge and expertise of the universities to the people of Tennessee through education delivered by agents, specialists, and volunteers in all ninety-five counties of the State; and

WHEREAS, Extension is a valuable resource for helping citizens to solve problems, providing real-life solutions in the places they live, work, and play through hundreds of programs; and

WHEREAS, Extension’s efforts are based on local needs, research, and a commitment to improve the quality of life for area residents; and

WHEREAS, Extension’s educational programs in 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development produce substantial returns to the State; and

WHEREAS, using research, questionnaires, observations, and sales records, an economic impact was estimated at more than \$493 million from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for statewide Extension educational programs; and

WHEREAS, a recent assessment indicates that every \$1.00 in public funds invested in Extension programs returns an estimated \$8.13 to the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the administrations, faculty, and staff of the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University as they commemorate March 2015 as "UT/TSU Extension Month" in Tennessee, and celebrate Extension's educational programs and benefits statewide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.